

Nelspruit, Escarpment and Kruger National Park

Birding and Wildlife Tour

25th – 31st July 2010

Trip Report



Above: Giant Kingfisher.

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Tour Summary

Tour Participants: Howard Clyman and Kathleen Roberts.

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Temperature Range: 7 - 27°C

Total Birds Seen: 188

Total Mammals Seen: 30

Birds of the Trip: African Finfoot, Gurney's Sugarbird, Martial Eagle, Kori Bustard, Ovambo Sparrowhawk.

Trip Report Compiled By: Leon Marais

Trip Breakdown

Day 1: Sunday, 25th July 2010 ~ Nelspruit

Route: Kruger / Nelspruit Airport to Nelspruit via the Lowveld National Botanical Gardens.

Weather: clear and mild.

Temperature range: 9 - 25°C.

Day 2: Monday, 26th July 2010 ~ Nelspruit

Route: Mount Sheba, the Panorama Route and Kaapsche Hoop.

Weather: cold with some cloud to start, clearing later in the day.

Temperature range: 10 - 24°C.

Day 3: Tuesday, 27th July 2010 ~ Satara, KNP

Route: Nelspruit to Satara via Phabeni Gate.

Weather: cold to start warming up during the day, clear sky.

Temperature range: 8 - 27°C.

Day 4: Wednesday, 28th July ~ Satara, KNP

Route: Drives in the Satara region.

Weather: cold to start warming up during the day, clear sky.

Temperature range: 7 - 27°C.

Day 5: Thursday, 29th July 2010 ~ Skukuza, KNP

Route: Satara to Skukuza.

Weather: cold to start warming up during the day, clear sky.

Temperature range: 7 - 28°C.

Day 6: Friday, 30th July 2010 ~ Pretoriuskop, KNP

Route: Skukuza to Pretoriuskop.

Weather: cold to start warming up during the day, clear sky.

Temperature range: 8 - 28°C.

Day 7: Saturday, 31st July 2010 ~ Departure

Route: Early drive in the Pretoriuskop region, Numbi Gate to KMIA.

Weather: cold to start warming up during the day, clear sky.

Temperature range: 7 - 26°C.

DAILY REPORT

Day 1: Sunday, 25th July 2010 ~ Nelspruit

Howard and Kathy arrived on schedule on the mid-day flight from Johannesburg to typically fine and mild winter conditions in the Nelspruit area. Soon we were loaded up and made our way to the Lowveld National Botanical Gardens in Nelspruit, a gem of a facility that produced some very good birding for the afternoon. The gardens are located close to the main retail centre of the city, and despite the busy road and shopping precinct close by they are usually quite and peaceful, even on a Sunday afternoon. The Crocodile and Nel Rivers form two of the garden's borders, with spectacular cataracts on the Crocodile and at the confluence of the rivers. Various plant communities are represented and include mock African Rainforest, Cycad gardens, giant Raffia Palms, open lawns, wonderful flowering Aloe collections, a spiny Madagascan plant collection and natural riverine forest and bush, with a resulting diversity of bird species. On arrival in the parking area we recorded African Hoopoe, Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove, Kurrichane Thrush, Hadedra Ibis and Dwarf Mongoose, with White-bellied, Amethyst and Scarlet-chested Sunbirds feeding on the flowering Aloes. In the gardens we recorded Malachite Kingfisher, Black-collared Barbet, Brown-hooded Kingfisher, White-browed Robin-Chat, Bearded Scrub-Robin, Green-backed Cameroptera, Ashy and Southern Black Flycatchers, Black-backed Puffback, Orange-breasted Bush-Shrike, Collared Sunbird, Cape White-eye, Bronze Mannikin, Yellow-fronted Canary and Vervet Monkey. After a few hours of exciting birding we left the gardens, recording a spectacular male African Finfoot on the Crocodile River as we departed, making for a great end to some superb initial birding. In the late afternoon Kathy and Howard had a rest at the guest house and in the evening we went out for a great dinner at a local restaurant before calling it a night.

Bird of the Day: African Finfoot.

New birds for the day: 25.

Total birds: 25.

Day 2: Monday, 26th July 2010 ~ Nelspruit

With a full day of birding ahead of us we met early and departed for the montane forest patch surrounding Mount Sheba, a lovely old style hotel situated on the edge of the escarpment near the historical mining town of Pilgrim's Rest. Here the warm air from the savannah plain to the east



rises as it hits the escarpment and creates thick mist and precipitation, resulting in large patches of indigenous forest. Passing through mid-level cloud as we ascended we popped out into the sun above the hotel (left) before descending into the thick, gloomy forest. In the open grassland and rock fields above the forest we recorded Cape Grassbird, African Stonechat, Cape Robin-Chat, Wailing Cisticola, Drakensberg Prinia, Southern Boubou and Yellow Bishop. After arriving at the hotel we soon recorded Familiar Chat among the buildings and an

African Goshawk circling in display overhead, with its far-carrying 'clicking' call clearly audible. We had a superb Mount Sheba breakfast before heading out into the gardens and forest for some birding. Predictably the forest edge and gardens were more productive than the dark, cold depths of the forest and this is where we concentrated our efforts, recording species such as Natal Francolin, African Olive Pigeon, Sombre Greenbul, Olive Thrush, Groundscraper Thrush, Chorister Robin-Chat, Southern Double-collared Sunbird and others, with superb views of

the local troop of Samango Monkeys. After wrapping up the birding there we headed on to some of the features of the Panorama Route such as Lisbon Falls and Wonder View before heading back through Nelspruit and up to Kaapsche Hoop, a small historically-rich town on the edge of the escarpment 25 kilometres south-west of Nelspruit. This town, or hamlet rather, started off as a boom town when gold was discovered in the 1880's but soon reversed course as bigger and better deposits were found in what subsequently became the town of Barberton. Kaapsche Hoop remains today as a small tourist hamlet, with a collection of bars, tea rooms and guest houses serving the tourists who visit the area. We took the walk through the strange rock formations to the escarpment edge, birding as we went. New species seen included Jackal Buzzard, Rock Kestrel, Cape Rock-Thrush, Buff-streaked Chat, Long-billed Pipit, Cape Longclaw, Lazy Cisticola, Cape Weaver, Malachite Sunbird and bird-of-the-day, Gurney's Sugarbird. In the late afternoon we headed back to Nelspruit for some time to freshen up before dinner in another local restaurant.

Bird of the Day: Gurney's Sugarbird.

New birds for the day: 40.

Total birds: 65.

Day 3: Tuesday, 27th July 2010 ~ Satara, KNP

Once again our day started rather early as we departed Nelspruit and headed through White River and Hazyview to Phabeni Gate, where we entered the mighty Kruger National Park. This park is in excess of 20 000 square kilometres (12 400 sq miles) in size and conserves a large and varied portion of savannah habitat in the north-east of South Africa. It holds a great diversity of mammal, bird and reptile species and is a naturalist's dream destination. It's easily accessible too, with a good road network and other facilities.

After entering the park the bird and mammal tally began to increase rapidly, with gasps of surprise as we encountered our first mega herbivores such as Southern Giraffe, White Rhino and Elephant. We made our way along the Doispans Road and then on to the Skukuza Golf Club where we had breakfast overlooking the 18th with its significant water hazard. We still had a long way to go to Satara and spent the rest of the day making our way north, stopping to view new species as they turned up. These included Hamerkop, Saddle-billed Stork, Hooded and White-backed Vultures, Martian Eagle, Brown Snake-Eagle, Bateleur, African Fish Eagle, Black Crake, African Jacana, African Green-Pigeon, Brown-headed Parrot, Grey Go-away-bird, Burchell's Coucal, Pearl-spotted Owlet, Pied Kingfisher (the world's largest true hovering bird), White-fronted Bee-eater, Lilac-breasted (right) and Purple Rollers, Sabota Lark, Black-headed Oriole, Long-billed Crombec, Southern White-crowned Shrike, Yellow-throated Longclaw and many others. We arrived in the mid-afternoon and had a little time to settle in before a short drive along the N'wanetsi Creek before the camp gates closed at 17h30. After freshening up we headed over to the restaurant under a star-filled sky, with the Southern Cross and Scorpio resplendent high above us.



Bird of the Day: Lilac-breasted Roller.

New birds for the day: 66.

Total birds: 131.

Day 4: Wednesday, 28th July ~ Satara, KNP

With a full day in the Satara region we left camp at 06h00 after a cup of coffee and some famous Lawson's rusks for a morning of birding and game viewing. We headed north out of camp and then turned east along the S90 into the arid Mavumbye Plains region, which is usually great for a few



key species such as Ostrich, Kori Bustard, Chestnut-backed Sparrowlark and others. We missed the Kori Bustard but did see the other two as well as Spur-winged Goose, African Hawk-Eagle, Lanner Falcon, Red-crested Korhaan, Crowned Lapwing, Namaqua Dove, Mosque Swallow, Black-crowned Tchagra, Red-billed Oxpecker, Cut-throat Finch and many others. Mammals included Chacma Baboon, Cape Buffalo, Elephant, Giraffe, Hippopotamus, Impala, Kudu, Steenbok, Common Waterbuck, Warthog, Blue Wildebeest and Burchell's Zebra. We headed back to camp along the S100 and arrived for a late breakfast (with a spectacular Green Wood-hoopoe foraging on the breakfast tables) before having a birding walk in the camp grounds, the highlight of which was great views of Pearl-spotted Owlet (above left) and African Scops Owl, as well as new species

such as Brubru, Acacia Pied Barbet, Red-billed Buffalo Weaver, Grey Tit-Flycatcher, Marabou Stork and others. We then had some time to relax before heading out on an afternoon drive west and north from the camp via Nsemani Dam and the Timbavati Picnic Site. This produced more Ostrich sightings, Kori Bustard and Southern Ground Hornbill (two key species for the Kruger Park), as well as a fantastic Elephant sighting at Girivana Waterhole as a rather thirsty herd came down to drink in the late afternoon. No lions were sighted however, despite reports of a large pride resting up in the area and we headed back to camp for the evening.

Bird of the Day: Pearl-spotted Owlet.

New birds for the day: 24.

Total birds: 155.

Day 5: Thursday, 29th July 2010 ~ Skukuza, KNP

With a last morning drive in the Satara region we decided to head northwards into the area in which the pride of lions had been seen the afternoon before. It seemed that we weren't the only people with this idea in mind and several other cars were patrolling up and down the road. A quick look showed that no one had yet had any sighting of the cats and we duly turned around to head back south and then west to the Nsemani Dam area. Again the cats were not forthcoming but the morning did produce plenty of birds such as Swainson's Spurfowl, Helmeted Guineafowl, Double-banded Sandgrouse (a pair with a chick), Little Bee-eater, Arrow-marked Babbler, Chinspot Batis, Brown-crowned Tchagra, Wattled Starling, Green-winged Pytilia and others. We returned to camp and had breakfast before packing and getting underway for Skukuza, 92 Kilometres to the south.

Skukuza, named after the park's first warden, Major James Stevenson-Hamilton, who was called skukuza ('he who sweeps clean') by the local staff, is the park's administrative headquarters and as such the largest camp in the park. It is situated on the southern bank of the Sabie River, which has its headwaters high in the escarpment to the west and flows through the Kruger National Park, at first in an east-west direction and then turning to flow in a south-east direction, before flowing out of the park into Mozambique, where it joins the Komati system and empties out into the Indian Ocean in the Baia De Maputo.

Our route to Skukuza took us via some back roads and despite covering such a large distance the big cats were still proving to be elusive, though we did have a great sighting of a Honey Badger eating what appeared to be a Black Mamba, Africa's most venomous snake. The journey took up much of the day and by the time we arrived at the Sabie River crossing we decided to have a break at the Nkuhlu Picnic site before continuing on to camp. On the Sabie River high water bridge we had great views of Giant and Pied Kingfishers, Goliath Heron, Reed Cormorant and Wire-tailed Swallow, while other new species for the day included Little Egret, White-faced Duck, a pair of nest-building Tawny Eagles, Red-faced Mousebird, Common Scimitarbill, Black Cuckooshrike, White-browed Scrub-Robin, Burnt-necked Eremomela and Southern Grey-headed Sparrow. The cats were still nary to be seen, though the daily mammal tally included a plethora of species such as Giraffe, Zebra, Wildebeest, Elephant, Cape Buffalo, Vervet Monkey, Chacma Baboon, Tree Squirrel etc. We arrived at camp in the late afternoon and had time to settle in to our chalets before heading over to the Selati Restaurant for dinner, based in the original train station and complete with an impressive steam 'loco' . Good steaks were enjoyed and afterwards we headed back to our chalets in anticipation of an exciting final full day of the tour.

Bird of the Day: Giant Kingfisher.

New birds for the day: 16.

Total birds: 171.

Day 6: Friday, 30th July 2010 ~ Pretoriuskop, KNP

We left camp after a cup of coffee and headed out into the reserve, crossing the Sabie via the low water bridge and driving north-east along the northern bank of the Sand River, one of the larger tributaries of the Sabie. We had good views of African Goshawk, White Crested Helmet-Shrike, Golden-tailed Woodpecker and other birds before heading back to the high water bridge over the Sabie, where we stopped to view birds such as Giant Kingfisher. While we were



parked on the bridge some movement in the water below caught my eye, which turned out to be a Cape Clawless Otter (left). We had brief views of him as he made his way upstream and then lost sight of him for a while when suddenly he emerged among a pod of Hippopotami and proceeded to search for fish and crabs in among the resting beasts. We spent the next fifteen minutes observing him, quite an exceptional sighting and my first record for the species in the Kruger National Park. Elated after the sighting

we slowly made our way back to camp, surmising that even if the cats eluded us for the rest of the tour we could be happy with the otter sighting. New birds for the day included African Black Duck, Ovambo Sparrowhawk (a rare bird for the Kruger, in this case chasing an African Hoopoe who was lucky enough to escape), Cardinal Woodpecker, White-throated Robin-Chat, Neddicky and Spectacled Weaver. Another highlight was coming across a Martial Eagle feeding on a Helmeted Guineafowl (right) in a tree right next to the road. What a morning! We returned to camp and had breakfast before heading on to Pretoriuskop via the Renosterkoppies Waterhole, hoping for a Lion encounter on the way. The Lions didn't make an appearance, though we did have a great view of two large Giraffe bulls fighting as well as Elephant, several large Kudu bulls and the usual mammal species. We arrived for



lunch at Pretoriuskop and after settling in to our chalets had great views of a pair of Bennett's Woodpeckers (below left) feeding on the lawns (this species spends a lot of time feeding on ants). Soon the rest period was over and we headed out on a final afternoon drive, making our way to Shabeni, a large granite dome to the north-west of the camp rising to 759 metres (2490 feet) in altitude. On a previous visit I had seen a Lioness on the lower part of the outcrop who looked like she was searching for a secluded place among the rocks in which to give birth. Against my instincts I began heading around the outcrop in an anti-clockwise direction, scanning the rocks for any sign of Lions. Nothing turned up and after a short distance I decided to turn around and do the route in a clockwise direction, as per my initial instinct. Shortly before arriving at the point where we turned around, a Lioness was spotted first by Howard high up on the very top of the outcrop, just a small silhouette against the sky. We observed her through binoculars for a while and then decided to drive on for a while and return later to see if she would move down from her lofty resting place. A good move this proved to be and as we returned to the spot we saw that she had move lower down onto the side of the outcrop and furthermore had a 6 – 8 month old cub with her. She seemed to be watching something in the long grass below the rocks, which was confirmed as a Bushbuck when a loud alarm bark was heard, indicating that the lions had been spotted by the antelope. The lions



made their way diagonally down the steep rock face, somewhat hesitantly at times, and when the female got to the bottom she roared loudly to call her cub down to follow her. We anticipated their movements well and eventually they popped out into a recently burned area right next to the road, where we had great views of them. It was an unusual and interesting sighting indeed, made all the more memorable by starting with a distant view of her on top of the outcrop and ending with the pair at close quarters (right). We then raced back to camp to make it in before 17h30 and had some time to relax before a final dinner.



Bird of the Day: Bennett's Woodpecker.
 New birds for the day: 11.
 Total birds: 182.

Day 7: Saturday, 31st July 2010 ~ Departure

As we had an early departure we only had time for a short morning drive which produced six new species: Pale Flycatcher, Rufous-naped Lark, Dark Chanting Goshawk, Lizard Buzzard, Mocking Cliff Chat and Retz's Helmet-Shrike, rounding off the final bird count at 188 species. All too soon it was time to head back for breakfast and then depart to arrive at the airport by 09h00, where we said our farewells and I wished Howard and Kathy all the best for their onward trip to Namibia and Botswana.

Bird of the Day: Dark Chanting Goshawk.
 New birds for the day: 6.
 Total birds: 188. Total mammals: 30.

Note:

The species mentioned in the report are only some of the species seen at each locality. Please refer to detailed checklists below for all species seen on this specific tour.

Bird List

	COMMON NAME	25-Jul-10	26-Jul-10	27-Jul-10	28-Jul-10	29-Jul-10	30-Jul-10	31-Jul-10	No. of Days Seen	SCIENTIFIC NAME
1	Common Oriole				X				1	<i>Struthio camelus</i>
8	Little Grebe			X					1	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>
55	White-breasted Cormorant		X	X					2	<i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>
58	Reed Cormorant					X	X		2	<i>Phalacrocorax africanus</i>
62	Grey Heron			X	X	X			3	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
64	Goliath Heron					X			1	<i>Ardea goliath</i>
67	Little Egret					X	X		2	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>
71	Cattle Egret	X	X						2	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>
81	Hamerkop			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>
86	Woolly-necked Stork				X				1	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>
88	Saddle-billed Stork			X	X	X			3	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>
89	Marabou Stork				X		X		2	<i>Leptoptilos crumeniferus</i>
94	Hadeda Ibis	X	X	X		X	X		5	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>
99	White-faced Duck					X			1	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>
102	Egyptian Goose			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>
105	African Black Duck						X		1	<i>Anas sparsa</i>
115	Comb Duck			X					1	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>
116	Spur-winged Goose				X				1	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>
121	Hooded Vulture			X			X		2	<i>Necrosyrtes monachus</i>
123	White-backed Vulture			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Gyps africanus</i>
132	Tawny Eagle			X		X	X		3	<i>Aquila rapax</i>
137	African Hawk-Eagle				X				1	<i>Hieraaetus fasciatus</i>
140	Martial Eagle			X		X	X		3	<i>Polemaetus bellicosus</i>
142	Brown Snake-Eagle			X		X			2	<i>Circaetus cinereus</i>
146	Bateleur			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>
148	African Fish Eagle		X	X	X	X	X		5	<i>Haliaeetus vocifer</i>
152	Jackal Buzzard (E)		X						1	<i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>
154	Lizard Buzzard							X	1	<i>Kaupifalco monogrammicus</i>
156	Ovambo Sparrowhawk						X		1	<i>Accipiter ovampensis</i>
160	African Goshawk		X				X		2	<i>Accipiter tachiro</i>
161	Gabar Goshawk						X		1	<i>Micronisus gabar</i>
163	Dark Chanting Goshawk							X	1	<i>Melierax metabates</i>
172	Lanner Falcon				X				1	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>
181	Rock Kestrel		X						1	<i>Falco rupicolis</i>
189	Crested Francolin			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Peliperdix septentrionalis</i>
196	Natal Francolin (NE)		X	X	X	X			4	<i>Pternistes natalensis</i>
199	Swainson's Sparrow (NE)			X	X	X			3	<i>Pternistes swainsonii</i>
203	Helmeted Guineafowl			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Numida meleagris</i>
213	Black Crake			X			X		2	<i>Amaurornis flavirostris</i>

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229	African Finfoot	X							1	<i>Podica senegalensis</i>
230	Kori Bustard				X	X			2	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>
237	Red-crested Korihaan				X				1	<i>Eupodotis ruficrista</i>
240	African Jacana			X					1	<i>Actophilornis africanus</i>
249	Three-banded Plover			X	X	X			3	<i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>
255	Crowned Lapwing			X	X	X			3	<i>Vanellus coronatus</i>
258	Blacksmith Lapwing			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Vanellus armatus</i>
260	African Wattled Lapwing		X						1	<i>Vanellus senegallus</i>
295	Black-winged Stilt			X	X				2	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>
298	Water Thick-Knee			X					1	<i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>
347	Double-banded Sandgrouse (NE)					X			1	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>
348	Rock Dove		X						1	<i>Columba livia</i>
349	Speckled Pigeon		X						1	<i>Columba guinea</i>
350	African Olive-Pigeon		X						1	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>
352	Red-eyed Dove		X	X					2	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>
353	African Mourning Dove			X					1	<i>Streptopelia decipiens</i>
354	Cape Turtle-Dove		X	X	X	X	X	X	6	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>
355	Laughing Dove	X	X	X	X	X	X		6	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>
356	Namaqua Dove				X				1	<i>Oena capensis</i>
358	Emerald-spotted Wood-Dove	X		X		X	X		4	<i>Turtur chalcospilos</i>
361	African Green-Pigeon			X				X	2	<i>Treron calva</i>
363	Brown-headed Parrot			X	X	X			3	<i>Poicephalus cryptoxanthus</i>
371	Purple-crested Turaco						X		1	<i>Tauraco porphyreolophus</i>
373	Grey Go-away-bird			X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Corythaeoides concolor</i>
391a	Burchell's Coucal (NE)			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Centropus burchellii</i>
396	African Scops-Owl				X				1	<i>Otus senegalensis</i>
398	Pearl-spotted Owlet			X	X				2	<i>Glaucidium perlatum</i>
417	Little Swift			X	X				2	<i>Apus affinis</i>
421	African Palm Swift			X		X		X	3	<i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>
426	Red-faced Mousebird					X	X		2	<i>Urocolius indicus</i>
428	Pied Kingfisher			X			X		2	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
429	Giant Kingfisher					X	X		2	<i>Ceryle maxima</i>
431	Malachite Kingfisher	X		X					2	<i>Alcedo cristata</i>
435	Brown-hooded Kingfisher	X		X		X	X		4	<i>Halcyon albiventris</i>
437	Striped Kingfisher			X			X	X	3	<i>Halcyon chelicuti</i>
443	White-fronted Bee-eater			X		X		X	3	<i>Merops bullockoides</i>
444	Little Bee-eater					X			1	<i>Merops pusillus</i>
447	Lilac-breasted Roller			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Coracias caudata</i>
449	Purple Roller			X					1	<i>Coracias naevia</i>
451	African Hoopoe	X					X		2	<i>Upupa africana</i>
452	Green Wood-Hoopoe			X	X	X			3	<i>Phoeniculus purpureus</i>
454	Common Scimitarbill					X			1	<i>Rhinopomastus cyanomelas</i>
457	African Grey Hornbill			X	X			X	2	<i>Tockus nasutus</i>
458	Red-billed Hornbill			X	X	X			3	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>
459	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Tockus leucomelas</i>
463	Southern Ground-Hornbill				X	X			2	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>

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464	Black-collared Barbet	X				X	X	X	4	<i>Lybius torquatus</i>
465	Acacia Pied Barbet (NE)				X				1	<i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>
473	Crested Barbet			X			X		2	<i>Trachyphonus vaillantii</i>
481	Bennett's Woodpecker						X		1	<i>Campeterna bennettii</i>
483	Golden-tailed Woodpecker						X		1	<i>Campeterna abingoni</i>
486	Cardinal Woodpecker						X		1	<i>Dendropicus fuscescens</i>
487	Bearded Woodpecker			X			X		2	<i>Dendropicus namaquus</i>
494	Rufous-naped Lark							X	1	<i>Mirafra africana</i>
496	Flappet Lark						X		1	<i>Mirafra rufocinnamomea</i>
498	Sabota Lark (NE)			X	X				2	<i>Mirafra sabota</i>
515	Chestnut-backed Sparrowlark				X				1	<i>Eremopterix leucotis</i>
522	Wire-tailed Swallow			X		X	X		3	<i>Hirundo smithii</i>
525	Mosque Swallow				X				1	<i>Hirundo senegalensis</i>
527	Lesser Striped Swallow			X					1	<i>Hirundo abyssinica</i>
529	Rock Martin		X						1	<i>Hirundo fuligula</i>
538	Black Cuckoo-shrike					X	X		2	<i>Campephaga flava</i>
541	Fork-tailed Drongo			X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>
545	Black-headed Oriole			X	X				2	<i>Oriolus larvatus</i>
554	Southern Black Tit			X		X	X		3	<i>Parus niger</i>
560	Arrow-marked Babbler			X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Turdoides jardineii</i>
568	Dark-capped Bulbul	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>
572	Sombre Greenbul		X						1	<i>Andropadus importunus</i>
576	Kurrichane Thrush	X							1	<i>Turdus libonyana</i>
577	Olive Thrush		X						1	<i>Turdus olivaceus</i>
580	Groundscraper Thrush		X						1	<i>Turdus litsitsirupa</i>
581	Cape Rock-Thrush (E)		X						1	<i>Monticola rupestris</i>
588	Buff-streaked Chat (E)		X						1	<i>Oenanthe bifasciata</i>
589	Familiar Chat		X						1	<i>Cercomela familiaris</i>
593	Mocking Cliff-Chat							X	1	<i>Thamnodon cinerascens</i>
596	African Stonechat		X		X				2	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>
598	Chorister Robin-Chat (E)		X						1	<i>Cossypha dichroa</i>
599	White-browed Robin-Chat	X							1	<i>Cossypha heuglini</i>
601	Cape Robin-Chat		X						1	<i>Cossypha caffra</i>
602	White-throated Robin-Chat (E)						X		1	<i>Cossypha humeralis</i>
613	White-browed Scrub-Robin					X			1	<i>Erythropteria leucophrys</i>
617	Bearded Scrub-Robin	X							1	<i>Erythropteria quadrivirgata</i>
648	Yellow-breasted Apalis			X			X		2	<i>Apalis flavida</i>
651	Long-billed Crombec			X		X	X		3	<i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>
656	Burnt-necked Eremomela					X			1	<i>Eremomela usticollis</i>
657a	Green-backed Camaroptera	X							1	<i>Camaroptera brachyura</i>
661	Cape Grassbird (E)		X						1	<i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>
670	Wailing Cisticola		X						1	<i>Cisticola lais</i>
672	Rattling Cisticola			X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Cisticola chiniana</i>
679	Lazy Cisticola		X						1	<i>Cisticola aberrans</i>
681	Neddicky						X		1	<i>Cisticola fulvicapillus</i>
683	Tawny-flanked Prinia				X	X	X		3	<i>Prinia subflava</i>

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686b	Drakens berg Pr inia (E)		X						1	<i>Prinia hypoxantha</i>
691	Ashy Flycatcher	X							1	<i>Muscicapa caerulescens</i>
693	Grey Tit-Flycatcher				X				1	<i>Myioparus plumbeus</i>
694	Southern Black Flycat cher	X		X		X	X		4	<i>Melaenornis pammelaina</i>
696	Pale Flycat cher							X	1	<i>Melaenornis pallidus</i>
701	Chinspot Batis				X	X	X		3	<i>Batis molitor</i>
711	African Pied Wagtail			X	X				2	<i>Motacilla aguimp</i>
713	Cape Wagtail		X						1	<i>Motacilla capensis</i>
716	African Pipit			X	X				2	<i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>
717	Long-billed Pip it		X						1	<i>Anthus similis</i>
727	Cape Longclaw (E)		X						1	<i>Macronyx capensis</i>
728	Yellow-throated Longclaw			X			X		2	<i>Macronyx croceus</i>
732	Common Fiscal		X				X		2	<i>Lanius collaris</i>
735	Magpie Shrike			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Lanius souzae</i>
736	Southern Boubou (E)		X			X	X		3	<i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>
740	Black-backed Puffba ck	X				X			2	<i>Dryoscopus cubla</i>
741	Brubru				X		X		2	<i>Nilaus afer</i>
743	Brown-crowned Tchagra					X	X		2	<i>Tchagra australis</i>
744	Black-crowned Tchagra				X	X	X		3	<i>Tchagra senegalensis</i>
748	Orange-breasted Bush -Shrike	X							1	<i>Telophorus sulfureopectus</i>
753	White-crested Helmet-Shrike			X			X		2	<i>Prionops plumatus</i>
754	Retz's Helmet-Shrike							X	1	<i>Prionops retzii</i>
756	Southern White-crowned Shrike (NE)			X		X			2	<i>Eurocephalus anguistifrons</i>
760	Wattled Star ling					X			1	<i>Creotophora cinerea</i>
762	Burchell's Starling (NE)			X	X	X			3	<i>Lamprotornis australis</i>
764	Cape Glossy Star ling			X					1	<i>Lamprotornis nitens</i>
765	Greater Blue-eared Starling			X					1	<i>Lamprotornis chalybeus</i>
769	Red-winged Star ling		X						1	<i>Onychognathus morio</i>
772	Red-billed Oxpecker			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Buphagus erythrorhynchus</i>
774	Gurney's Sugarbird (E)		X						1	<i>Promerops gurneyi</i>
775	Malachite Sun bird		X						1	<i>Nectarinia famosa</i>
783	Southern Double-collared Sunbird (E)		X						1	<i>Nectarinia chalybea</i>
785	Greater Double-collared Sunbird (E)		X						1	<i>Nectarinia afra</i>
787	White-bellied Sun bird	X							1	<i>Nectarinia talatala</i>
791	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	X						X	2	<i>Nectarinia senegalensis</i>
792	Amethyst Sunbird	X	X						2	<i>Nectarinia amethystina</i>
793	Collared Sunbird	X				X	X		3	<i>Anthreptes collaris</i>
796	Cape White-eye (E)	X	X						2	<i>Zosterops pallidus</i>
798	Red-billed Buffalo -Weaver				X	X			2	<i>Bubalornis niger</i>
804	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow					X			1	<i>Passer diffusus</i>
805	Yellow-throated Petronia			X			X		2	<i>Petronia superciliosa</i>
810	Spectacled Weaver						X		1	<i>Ploceus ocularis</i>
811	Village Weaver				X				1	<i>Ploceus cucullatus</i>
813	Cape Weaver (E)		X						1	<i>Ploceus capensis</i>
814	Southern Masked -Weaver					X			1	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>
821	Red-billed Quelea				X				1	<i>Quelea quelea</i>

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827	Yellow Bishop		X						1	<i>Euplectes capensis</i>
829	White-winged Widowbird			X	X	X			3	<i>Euplectes albonotatus</i>
834	Green-winged Pytilia				X	X			2	<i>Pytilia melba</i>
842	Red-billed Firefinch			X	X		X		3	<i>Lagonosticta senegalensis</i>
844	Blue Waxbill			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Uraeginthus angolensis</i>
846	Common Waxbill		X			X			2	<i>Estrilda astrild</i>
855	Cut-throat Finch				X				1	<i>Amadina fasciata</i>
857	Bronze Mannikin	X		X		X	X		4	<i>Spermestes cucullatus</i>
869	Yellow-fronted Canary	X		X		X	X		4	<i>Serinus mozambicus</i>
872	Cape Canary		X						1	<i>Serinus canicollis</i>
884	Golden-breasted Bunting			X		X	X		3	<i>Emberiza flaviventris</i>
	TOTAL NEW SPECIES	25	40	66	24	16	11	6		188

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2	Baboon, Chacma				X	X	X		3	<i>Papio ursinus</i>
3	Badger, Honey					X			1	<i>Mellivora capensis</i>
5	Bat, Fruit (Peter's Epuletted)				X		X		2	<i>Epomophorus crypturus</i>
7	Blesbok		X						1	<i>Damaliscus dorcas phillypsi</i>
8	Buffalo			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>
11	Bushbuck			X	X				2	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>
18	Dassie, Rock (Hyrax)		X						1	<i>Procavia capensis</i>
20	Duiker, Common						X	X	2	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>
23	Elephant, African			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>
26	Giraffe, Southern			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>
29	Hippopotamus			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>
30	Hyaena, Spotted						X		1	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>
31	Impala			X	X	X	X	X	5	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>
32	Jackal, Black-backed			X					1	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>
34	Klipspringer						X		1	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>
35	Kudu, Greater			X	X		X		3	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>
37	Lion						X		1	<i>Panthera leo</i>
39	Mongoose, Dwarf	X							1	<i>Helogale parvula</i>
40	Mongoose, Slender			X		X	X	X	4	<i>Galerella sanguinea</i>
44	Monkey, Samango		X						1	<i>Cercopithecus mitis</i>
45	Monkey, Vervet	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	<i>Cercopithecus aethiops</i>
49	Otter, Cape Clawless						X		1	<i>Aonyx capensis</i>
53	Rhebok, Grey		X						1	<i>Palaemon capreolus</i>
55	Rhinoceros, White			X					1	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>

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59	Squirrel, Tree			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Paraxerus cep api</i>
60	Steenbok				X	X			2	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>
62	Warthog			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus</i>
63	Waterbuck, Common			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>
65	Wildebeest, Blue			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>
66	Zebra, Burchell's			X	X	X	X		4	<i>Equus burchelli</i>
	TOTAL SPECIES	2	4	15	3	1	5	0	30	

Below right: Bateleur; Below left: Lanner Falcon.

